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1. WE INFORMED SYG LUNS ON APRIL 28, PER INSTRUCTIONS
REF A, OF TENTATIVE US PLANS TO PROPOSE SHORT-TERM
INITIATIVES DURING DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE ALSO
BRIEFED ASYG MUMFORD ON US PLANS.

2. LUNS HAS SCHEDULED A DPC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4,
AT 1600 HRS FOR AMBASSADOR KOMER TO EXPLAIN US PLANS AND
TO TABLE A PAPER ON THEM. ADDITIONALLY, ADMIRAL WEINEL
PROPOSES, IF AGREEABLE TO WASHINGTON, TO INVITE INTERESTED
MILREPS TO A MEETING FOR THE SAME PURPOSE AT 1000 HRS THE
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SAME DATE. WE BELIEVE SUCH A BRIEFING FOR MILREPS WOULD
BE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH US DESIRE TO HAVE WIDEST
POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR
POSITIVE MINISTERIAL DECISIONS ON THESE INITIATIVES, AND
RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON APPROVE THIS BRIEFING. WE WILL
COORDINATE TRAVEL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS AFTER AMEMBASSIES
BONN AND LONDON HAVE RESPONDED TO REFS B AND C.

3. LUNS DID NOT STUDY THE "NON-PAPER" WE LEFT WITH HIM
BECAUSE OF A FEVER HE DEVELOPED WHILE VISITING BITBURG TO

WITNESS ARRIVAL OF F-15S ON APRIL 27, REMARKING ONLY THAT HE WOULD OBTAIN ASYG MUMFORD'S VIEWS. MUMFORD, IN AN EARLIER CONVERSATION AFTER HE HAD STUDIED SAME "NON-PAPER," EXPRESSED CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SHORT- AND LONG-TERM INITIATIVES AND RELATIVELY UNSTRUCTURED PROJECTS ALREADY UNDER DISCUSSION. HE PROBED CAUTIOUSLY TO DETERMINE HOW US BELIEVED "ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS" WOULD BE INTRODUCED AS MILITARY TAILORS CUT THE CLOTH TO FIT THE VARIOUS BODIES POLITIC INVOLVED. WE EXPRESSED PRIVATE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE PERIODIC PROGRESS REPORTS TO A SUITABLE NATO BODY, PERHAPS THE EWG OR AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF DEPUTY PERMREPS. MUMFORD THOUGHT LATTER MIGHT NOT REALLY WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS "NITTY GRITTY."

4. MUMFORD ALSO ASKED HOW SHORT- AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES WOULD RELATE TO NATO FORCE GOALS, AND HOW MUCH OF LONG-TERM DEFENSE REVIEW WOULD DEAL WITH EXAMINATION OF NATO MACHINERY FOR PLANNING AND FOLLOW-UP. WE RESPONDED THAT THESE WERE NOT MATTERS ON WHICH THE US HAD FIXED VIEWS THAT IT WISHES TO IMPOSE ON ALLIES. RATHER, WE BELIEVE THAT THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE MADE A PART OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE REVIEW ITSELF. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE MUMFORD WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL TREATMENT TO ASSURE HIM AND OTHERS THAT REEXAMINATION OF EXISTING NATO MACHINERY IS DESIRABLE IF THIS MACHINERY IS TO REMAIN RELEVANT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PRIORITY UNDERTAKINGS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY GUIDANCE ON ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSED BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR KOMER FOR INTERESTED MILREPS. STREATOR

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